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FOLLOWING REPEAT SUBA 1662, ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN BEIRUT  
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QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL SUVA 1662

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORT, UNSC, NP, UN, FJ  
SUBJECT: UNIFIL PERFORMANCE AND RENEWAL

REF: A) STATE 220600, B) JERUSALEM 2413

1. EMBOFF ON 4 SEPT SHARED CONTENTS REF A WITH RFMF COMMANDER  
COL. PAUL MANUEL AND GAVE MANUEL COPY OF UN ANNOUNCEMENT  
ON UNIFIL FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN SOUTHERN LEBANON (REF B).

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2. MANUEL SAID THAT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, RFMF WAS OPERATING ON ASSUMPTION UNIFIL MANDATE WOULD BE RENEWED. HE NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT FIJI WAS FOLLOWING THE FRENCH LEAD. "AS MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE FRENCH SHOULD HAVE SOME IDEA WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED, AND SINCE THEY ARE PLANNING A TROOP ROTATION, SO ARE WE".

3. MANUEL FELT UN HAD LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO MAINTAIN UNIFIL IF THERE WAS ANY HOPE AGAINST FURTHER DETERIORATION IN SITUATION. HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT EARLY RESTORATION OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY IN SOUTH WAS POSSIBLE OR THAT UNIFIL WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO FULFILL THE THIRD OBJECTIVE OF ITS MANDATE. WITHDRAWAL OF UNIFIL WOULD, HOWEVER, INVITE TROUBLE, EVEN THE POSSIBLE REINTRODUCTION OF ISRAELI FORCES.

4. MANUEL WILL LEAVE SUVA 5 SEPT. FOR TRIP THROUGH NEW YORK AND LONDON TO LEBANON. IN NEW YORK HE PLANS TO MEET WITH UN OFFICIALS ABOUT OPERATION OF UNIFIL (LOGISTICS SUPPORT, ETC). IN LONDON HE HOPES TO ARRANGE PURCHASE OF MACHINE GUNS (NOT WEAPONS PRODUCED IN BELGIUM) FOR FIJI CONTINGENT IN LEBANON. IF HE IS UNABLE TO MAKE ARMS PURCHASE IN LONDON, MANUEL SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO EUROPE AFTER VISITING LEBANON IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN GUNS FROM BELGIANS.

5. MANUEL SAID HE APPRECIATED US SHARING ITS ASSESSMENT OF UNIFIL WITH RFMF AND ASKED THAT IN HIS ABSENCE, EMBASSY PASS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO HIS DEPUTY. CONDON UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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